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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 11502/15:1 US

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	Confirmation No.
Blatter et al.	)	1535
Serial No.: 09/736,937	)	Art Unit
Filed: December 14, 2000	)	3731
For: LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE	)	
ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS	)	
Examiner: Michael G. Mendoza	)	
Customer No.: 32642	)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein. Additionally, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in the event that any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application is found, which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, or which is susceptible to being overcome by means of an Examiner's Amendment.

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**Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.**